

# DIVINE WORSHIP

December 22, 2013

## The Prelude

## The Welcome and Announcements

R. E. Gary Hopkins

## The Introit

### \*The Call to Worship

Pastor: And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accused them day and night before our God."

**Congregation: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

### \*The Hymn of Praise No. 218

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

### \*The Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### \*The Hymn No. 203

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## The Pastoral Prayer

## The Anthem

### \*The Scripture Reading Pg. 856

Luke 1:39-56

### \*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe** in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe** in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*The Hymn of Faith No. 223

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

## The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

### The Sermon Text Pg. 857

Luke 2:14

## The Prayer of Illumination

### The Sermon

Rev. Steven G. Simmons

The Christmas Carol: Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Man

### \*The Hymn of Response No. 211

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

### \*The Benediction

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

### \*The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*The Postlude

*\* Congregation please stand*

*Ruling Elder Gary Hopkins is assisting with the service today and will be available at the front of the church after the service if you desire to speak with an elder.*